

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S

Statewide Drayage Truck Regulation*Reducing air pollution in California ports*

The Air Resources Board adopted the Drayage Truck Regulation in December 2007 to reduce the health risks from diesel pollution in communities near ports and rail yards. The regulation takes effect Jan. 1, 2010. Here's a primer on the new requirements.

What are the basic requirements?

Entry of diesel-powered trucks to ports and rail yards is limited strictly to those in the state's Drayage Truck Registry. Registration is free and can be completed easily online at www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/porttruck/porttruck.htm. Beyond registration, the following restrictions to entry at ports and rail yards apply in the first phase of program:

Engine Model Year	Entry Restriction	Effective Date
1993 and earlier	Prohibited	Jan. 1, 2010
1994-2003	ARB-approved soot traps	Jan. 1, 2010
2004		Dec. 31, 2011
2005-2006		Dec. 31, 2012

Exactly what types of trucks come under this regulation?

The regulation applies only to diesel-fueled trucks weighing more than 33,000 pounds that haul cargo to and from California ports and intermodal rail yards. Owners of other vehicles that frequent ports and rail cargo centers can obtain an ARB sticker that clearly identifies the vehicle as exempt. The exemption sticker is not required for entry, but it may ease access. To apply for the exemption sticker, please visit: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/porttruck/DTRExemption.pdf.

Are there any plans to delay the regulation?

No. ARB, however, is offering an extension through April 30, 2010 to port and rail yard truck owners who have been approved for grants or have secured private funding for soot traps or replacement trucks, but are awaiting delivery of new equipment. To apply for this extension, please visit: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/porttruck/porttruck.htm

How will the regulation be enforced?

ARB enforcement teams initially will focus on ensuring port trucks are in the registry. The ARB can cite owners whose trucks are not registered or have non-compliant engines. Enforcement actions range from warnings to fines to criminal prosecution.

What if the dirtier, non-compliant trucks sit outside port and rail yard gates for transfer of loads?

As with other heavy-duty diesel vehicles, port trucks are subject to ARB limits on engine idling and exhaust smoke.

How much does it cost to buy and install a soot trap?

Costs range from \$12,000 to \$25,000, depending on the age of the truck.

Are state grants still available before the first phase of the regulation takes effect – on Jan. 1, 2010?

No. The ARB has allocated through local air districts and ports more than \$85 millions state dollars to owners of large fleets and independents alike. Ports, air districts and the federal government have contributed additional financial aid for soot traps and replacement of older port trucks.

Is ARB only going after port trucks?

No. ARB already regulates nearly every major source of diesel emissions in California, including big-rigs, ships, locomotive fuel and construction equipment.

Why is there a need to reduce diesel pollution?

To cut toxic emissions in communities near California's ports and intermodal rail yards. Reducing diesel emissions will result in fewer asthma attacks and hospitalizations for lung and heart ailments. The reductions are especially needed where port trucks are heavily concentrated, such as in West Oakland, Wilmington, Long Beach and the City of Commerce.

Where can I learn more?

A summary of the regulation is available at:

www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/porttruck/regfactsheet.pdf (English)

www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/porttruck/regfactsheet_sp.pdf (Spanish)

A summary of the registration process is available at:

www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/porttruck/dtrfactsheet.pdf (English)

www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/porttruck/dtrfactsheet_sp.pdf (Spanish)

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